

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cooperation with the National Resource Evaluation Center (NREC)
of the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP)

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1. For the past two years the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) has been in touch with NREC. Specifically:

a. Governor Buford Ellington former Director of OEP together with members of his staff (Messrs. Franklin Dryden, Lee Canfield, Harry Mallon and Dr. Joseph Coker) have visited NREC.

b. Dr. Coker wrote a letter to the Director, NREC on 15 June 1966 requesting cooperation from NREC. (Tab A)

c. The DDI (Dr. Proctor) told NREC to continue discussions with OEP, but not to make any commitments for use of NREC manpower or material resources. (Tab B)

d. NREC personnel visited the NREC special facilities division on 20 July 1966.

e. Since that time NREC personnel have, in accordance with the DDI wishes, continued discussions with OEP personnel and prepared a package of briefing boards demonstrating Peaceful Unes (e.g., forest fires, earthquakes, floods, etc.)

f. OEP is now planning on having Governor Farris Bryant, the current Director of OEP, and his Deputy Dr. Byron Elee, visit NREC for a familiarization tour within the next few weeks.

g. Attached is a proposed letter from NREC which requests specific clarification of certain points to enable planning discussions to continue as authorized by the DDI. (Tab C)

h. It is understood that parallel discussions have been initiated by the NREC of the OEP with the Collection Guidance Staff of the DDI on proposed coverage of targets of interest to the NREC.

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2. It is understood by NPIC that no commitments can be made to the
OEP for use of NPIC resources, and that for the time being exploratory
planning discussions are in order.

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